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TAGS: OVIP MO
SUBJECT: MOROCCAN PARLIAMENTARY VISIT

REF: STATE 144455

1. WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT VISIT IS MOVING FORWARD.
OUTSTANDING INVITATION HAS BECOME A MINOR EMBARRASSMENT
IN OUR PARLIAMENTARY CONTACTS, AND PARLIAMENTARY OFFICIALS
HAVE RAISED THE MATTER IN LOW KEY SEVERAL TIME RECENTLY.
IN ADDITION, WHETHER MERITED OR NOT, MEMBERS OF THE GOM
PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO IPU MEETING IN LISBON FELT
THEY WERE SNUBBED BY CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS IN THE COURSE OF
SEVERAL MOROCCAN ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS (RABAT 1759).
FINALLY, IMPRESSION THAT USDEL "SUPPORTED" ALGERIAN POSITION
ON SAHARA MANEUVERING HAS LEFT SOME RESENTMENT WHICH HAS BEEN
COMMUNICATED TO US IN OUR DISCUSSIONS.

2. WITH REGARD TO CAVEATS PARA 1 REFTEL, WE BELIEVE ON
BALANCE THAT EVEN A FAIRLY SPARTAN INVITATION IS BETTER THAN
NONE AT ALL AT THIS TIME. NUMEROUS PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS
ARE TRAVELLING THIS SUMMER AND U.S. ABSENCE FROM THE LIST IS
BECOMING NOTICEABLE. ALSO, ONE OF OUR SPECIFIED HUMAN
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RIGHTS GOALS IN MOROCCO IS TO ENCOURAGE DEMOCRATIC
INSTITUTIONS.

3. WE HOPE NEA/AFN WILL DO ITS BEST TO PUSH THE PROJECT
FORWARD AND ASSURE ITS SUCCESS WHEN THESE SENSITIVE
NEW DEPUTIES VISIT WASHINGTON. OUR SPECIFIC COMMENTS
ON REFTEL BEING SENT SEPTTEL.

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